

WORKING DREDGES VISITED BY INSPECTOR OF MINES, DUNEDIN—continued.

Name and Situation of Dredge.	Owners.	Dredge-master.	Remarks.
<i>Charlton</i> —continued. Central Charlton ..	Central Charlton Gold-dredging Company	T. Barnes	Not working; winches sent to Dunedin for repairs; no boat-hooks and only one buoy on board.
<i>Waimumu</i> . Waimumu Extended ..	Waimumu Extended Gold-dredging Company	George Pettigrew ..	Rules complied with, and the machinery well fenced; no rules posted; all in good order; gangway required at bows.
Waimumu Central ..	Waimumu Central Gold-dredging Company	George Bichen ..	No boat-hooks or light-lines on board. The main tail-box is 60 ft. long by 6 ft. wide, and the return tables are 20 ft. by 12 ft., a total spread of 600 square feet. The dredge is working in swampy ground, and some difficulty is experienced in getting rid of the "Maori heads" in the boxes.
Waimumu ..	Waimumu Gold-dredging Company ..	F. Brown ..	Pontoons overloaded at stern, and only 6 in. of freeboard; no boat-hooks or light lines at bow and stern; old rules only posted.
Waimumu Queen ..	Waimumu Queen Gold-dredging Company	James Cumming ..	Generally in good order; rules complied with.
<i>Mataura</i> . Eureka ..	Eureka Gold-dredging Company ..	W. R. Knightly ..	Machinery, late Crookston's "Mountaineer"; pontoons new. I condemned smaller boat as being dangerous and unfit for use on the river. No rules posted; fence required at bow and stern; being shifted to Mataura Island, the claim at Tuturau being considered unpayable.
<i>Chatton</i> . Gold Creek ..	Gold Creek Gold-dredging Company ..	W. Robins ..	No boat-hooks or light-lines on board; fence-rail required at pump-drive; otherwise in good order.
<i>Otama</i> . Otama (late Enterprise Gully) ..	Otama Gold-dredging Company ..	D. O'Leary ..	Only one boat alongside, the other being in use down the river; fence-rail required at the main drive; only 12 in. of freeboard at the bows; the pontoons are on the small side for river-work, and have not sufficient buoyancy to comfortably carry the plant and machinery on board.